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**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of MARTIN THERIAULT, STEPHANE RABIA and JASON UNER for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE PLACEMENT MACHINE.

Also enclosed are:

4 sheet(s) of formal informal drawing(s);
 a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to _____ filed in _____ on _____;
 in the declaration;
 a certified copy of the priority document;
 a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
 an Assignment document;
 an Information Disclosure Statement; and
 Other: _____.



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An [] executed [X] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
[X] also is enclosed [] will follow.

[] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to filed in on ; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

[] A bibliographic data entry sheet is enclosed.

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	18	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					\$710.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$ if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$710.00

[] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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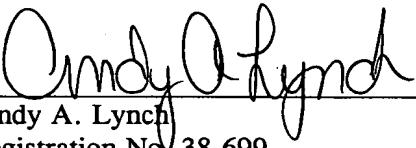
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